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National Transportation Stakeholders Forum

The first National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) was held on May 25-27, in Chicago, IL. The theme of this meeting was "Transportation at a Crossroads." The meeting was attended by 170 participants from federal agencies, state regional groups, Indian tribes, and other organizations whose participation helped to make the event a great success. DOE thanks those who were able to attend and participate in the meeting.

The NTSF has been established to serve as the mechanism through which DOE communicates at a national level with states and tribes about the Department's shipments of radioactive waste and materials, as well as occasional high-visibility hazardous material shipments that are nonradioactive.

DOE's primary goal for the first NTSF meeting was to solicit feedback from its transportation stakeholders on what they view as their key issues and concerns and how these issues can best be prioritized and addressed.

A number of key issues were identified by participants at the May NTSF meeting, including:

- Improving communications (e.g., risk communication, revising outdated public information products)
- Addressing improved notification of states, tribes, and local governments
- Developing guidance for DOE financial assistance agreements (e.g., WIPP)
- Improving the Prospective Shipment Report

These and other issues will be addressed by the NTSF planning committee and will be candidate subjects for planning the next NTSF meeting. The planning committee will also address this past Forum's usefulness and will review suggestions on how to improve future NTSF meetings.

Prior to the next NTSF meeting, the planning committee will determine priorities and requirements for issue working groups, webinars, or other means of action to address key issues.

If you were unable to attend the first NTSF meeting we hope that you will join us next time.

Your participation on the planning committee or on an issue subgroup is encouraged. If interested, please contact your state regional representative or constituency group.

To find detailed information about the May 26 meeting including the agenda, presentation materials, summary meeting notes, contacts, and the NTSF Charter please visit our web site at:

<http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/NationalTransportationForum.aspx> or contact Ella McNeil at: ella.mcneil@em.doe.gov, 301-903-7284.

Prospective Shipment Report Issued

The Prospective Shipment Report, which details planned DOE shipments of radioactive materials in the next year, was issued on June 25. If you have not received a copy, one may be obtained electronically by contacting Prakash Kunjeer at: prakash.kunjeer@em.doe.gov, 301-903-2443



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Hazmat Commodity Flow Survey Conducted in Georgia

A Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) of hazardous materials was conducted along Interstate 20 in Columbia County, Georgia on June 9-10, 2010. The survey was conducted in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, and the Columbia County Emergency & Operations Division. A CFS report has been prepared and released to our survey partners.

During the 24-hour survey, 336 commercial vehicles transporting 404 HAZMAT loads, totaling over 6.3 million pounds of hazardous materials, including radioactive materials, were observed.



The purpose of a CFS is to provide information to the state and local communities as to the

types and amounts of hazardous materials being transported along a route through a particular community. State and local emergency preparedness planners can use the information gained from the survey data to ensure that their emergency response plans adequately address all of the hazardous materials identified during the CFS. POC is Bill Spurgeon at William.Spurgeon@hq.doe.gov, 301-903-8187

Transcaer Whistle-Stop Tour

Norfolk Southern Railroad will once again conduct a Whistle Stop Tour, beginning in Mobile, AL on September 20, 2008, and making stops for the day (9am



to 3pm) in McIntosh on the 21st, Selma on the 22nd, Jasper on the 23rd, and Muscle Shoals on the 24th. As in the past six years, the DOE Transportation Emergency

Preparedness Program (TEPP) will again partner with Norfolk Southern on the Whistle Stop Tour to provide training, education, and outreach on response to a radiological shipment incident. The Whistle Stop Tours are designed to increase community understanding of the importance of emergency planning, and to provide

local emergency response groups with the opportunity to receive some hands-on training and discuss additional training needs. The tour provides an opportunity to help emergency responders to discuss transportation related topics. For additional information and a brochure, visit the Transcaer events schedule at: www.transcaer.org or for information on the TEPP Training contact Ella McNeil at: Ella.McNeil@hq.doe.gov, 301-903-7284

MERRTT Training Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August 17-18	Rankin Co., MS	Train the Trainer
August 19-21	Rockdale Co, GA	16-hr MERRTT
August 24-25	Scott Co, MS	Train the Trainer
August 28-29	Sandyville, WV	Train the Trainer
Aug 31 – Sep 1	Newton Co, MS	Train the Trainer
September 8-9	Ft Monmouth, NJ	Train the Trainer
September 20-24	N-S Whistlestop	Partial MERRTT
September 20-22	Lauderdale, MS	8-hr MERRTT
September 23-24	Knoxville, TN	Train the Trainer
September 28-29	Rolla, MO	16-hr MERRTT

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